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1. In view of trade negotiations scheduled to take place shortly with the Russians, the Main Administration for Shipbuilding in the East German Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction was ordered to estimate its 1956 requirements of sheet metal to be used for ship construction. In mid-June 1955, the Main Administration computed its 1956 requirements to be 95,000 tons.
2. At the same time, the Main Administration stated that East Germany would be able to produce only a small part of the amount required, and that 1956 ship construction would have to rely in large part on imports from the USSR. The official estimate of sheet metal to be imported in 1956 from the USSR, according to the Main Administration, was 70,500 tons. This figure will be transmitted to the Russians in the forthcoming trade negotiations.

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